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Message: **THANKFUL FOR FULL LIGHT**

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MESSAGE NOTES

# HOPE FLOW...LETTING GOD'S LOVE FLOW THROUGH US EVERY DAY!

## Day 1 Ephesians 1-2 Serving Significantly In All Circumstances

*1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- 2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you,...*

This week we will take a look at Ephesians Chapter 3. Start off each day by praying for God's wisdom and understanding.

Today read the first 2 verses of Ephesians. Paul is writing this letter to the Ephesians while on house arrest (see Acts 28:16,30) Even under these circumstances, Paul considers himself a servant of Christ with significant responsibility because of the grace given to him by God.

- What are some of the tough times you or your family have gone or are going through?
- Were there times that God used you even in difficult circumstances?
- Write a list of all the things you are thankful for and the ways God has given grace to you.

Pray for God to help you to serve Him in all circumstances.

## Day 2 Ephesians 3-6 Mystery of Christ Revealed

*3 that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4 In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus*

- What is the gospel?
- Who is the message of God's grace intended for?
- What do we inherit when we believe in Jesus Christ?

Pray to be a good steward of God's grace: to live it out and pass it along. Pray for God to help you choose to serve and to show you who to serve.

## Day 3 Ephesians 7-13 Tools to be a Good Servant of the Good News

*7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. 8 Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. 10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. 13 I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.*

## Day 3— Continued

There are three main tools to being a good servant: Gift of Grace given to us by God, energized by God's Power and enabled by Humility.

- What is the importance of the church in verse 10?
- Read Colossians 1:15-20 Who is the head of the church?
- Why is it important that we serve the church?
- What are the spheres of influence for God's grace in your life?

Pray for God's grace to be over your life and through your life. Pray for humility.

## Day 4 Ephesians 14-19 Fullness of God in Us

*14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

- What is the posture taken in verse 14?
- How is attitude of prayer important to a relationship with God?
- Where are our roots from?
- What is the quality of God's presence in your life?
- How can other people in your life give you a fuller picture of God's love?

Pray for an attitude of prayer in all things. Pray that you can grasp how much God loves you. Pray that you can open your heart to accept His love and experience His love in all its dimensions. Pray that you can share His love with others.

## Day 5 Ephesians 20-21 Glory to God in the Church and In Christ Jesus

*20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

### Living lives giving glory to God!

- How can we possibly live lives giving glory to God?
- What is our ultimate goal in all that we do?
- What is the importance of the church in God's plan?

Pray that you can live your life in God's power and for His glory